March 8, 1964

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Annual Parish Meeting came to order at 12:15 P.M., opened with prayer by Father Rementer. Senior Warden Dr. C. Ogburn presiding.

ALTAR GUILD - JOYCE WHITE

The Altar Guild meet each Saturday at 10:30 A.M. in the sacristy to prepare for mass on Sunday. There are three members in the Guild: Father Rementer, Miss O'Connell and Joyce White. The members of the Guild clean the brass, polish the silver, arrange the flowers on the altar and set up for mass on Sunday. The flowers that are on the Altar each Sunday are the result of birthdays, memorials, thanksgiving, etc. by the members of the parish.

The Altar Guild is one of the most important Guilds in the church and carries a great deal of responsibility; having clean vestments, linens, the collecting of monies for flowers, holydays; setting up for mass on Sundays and holydays and other related work.

CHURCH SCHOOL - R. MEECHAM

In September, 1963, the church school began regular class sessions. Four classes were organized, ranging from pre-school to junior high. At the beginning of the church school year, attendance was close to 50 children. This was mostly the result of the Summer Program. Some of the classes have now deminished in size.

For the past month the church school has been involved in a pilot study which has been undertaken by Holy Trinity Church. Miss Emily Stanford, Church School Consultant, is the coordinator of this pilot study.

Future plans includes visiting absent members of the church school and organizing a bible study, which will be open to all interssted persons.

The church school will be visited by members of other church schools. These visits will be reciprocated.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN - A. BRYANT

In June, 1963, the Episcopal Church Women donated $600.00 towards church insurance. They also donated food, materials, etc. towards the Summer Program. This was turned over to the students in charge of the Summer Program. The annual bazaar was given in December, Strawberry Festival in June, in January and February, 1964, pot luck dinners and visitors from the Church of the Redeemer. A spaghetti dinner will be given in March, 1964.

In May, 1964, the Strawberry Festival will be held and on May 18th, the women will visit the Church of the Redeemer in Springfield. All the women of the parish are invited to attend.

The Episcopal Church Women have two meetings a month, the 2nd and 4th Sundays. On the 4th Sundays breakfast is served and on the 2nd Sunday the regular meeting is held.
On Easter Sunday the Women expect to present money to pay on insurance.

20-30 CLUB - M. CANTRELL

The 20-30 Club is not as active as it was in the past. There are not as many members as there were last year, and there is not enough co-operative help from the members.

Last year the meetings were held twice a month and on the third Sunday there was Evensong. Fewer and fewer people were responding, so Evensong was discontinued this year. The guests who came out to speak were very good and interesting.

The Club is now small in number and six or ten persons are at the meetings. They meet at 6:30 P.M. for dinner and usual business. At the next meeting a decision will be made on making some donation to the church, via a project to undertake to raise money.

YOUTH CANTEEN - E. HAYES

The Youth Canteen is happy to report continuous progress with their youth program. Membership increased during the past year and there is now a midget basketball team. The ages are from ten to fourteen years, and most of the boys are from the acolyte guild, choir and church school. Out of a membership of approximately forty-five, there are three equipped basketball teams.

All work is done voluntarily, there is no paid staff, nor is there any financial support from any source. The only means to obtain revenue to carry on this work is through giving dinners from time to time, selling candy, etc. The revenue received from these projects is not financially adequate to carry on this work. However, the program manage to keep going.

It is felt that the work being done is not getting the support it should. They have a live active program doing a tremendous service for the youths, the church and the community as a whole; the program have been going on for quite a few years and even the church is not fully aware of its work. It is planned in the future to make this program known so that everyone will know just what is going on and what is being done, so that, especially when affairs are given, support will be gotten from the church and the community.

The annual banquet was held in June, 1963, and this affair was called a success by everyone who attended. The committee was highly praised for the good food served, the organized service and the nice entertainment after dinner. Awards were given to each member, including the hostess' for their cooperation. The guest speaker was Mr. Samuel Branham, from the Philadelphia Association for Youth. He spoke briefly of the importance of this type of work and what it means to our youth, the church and the community. The committee was cited for its voluntary work, and the church for allowing a program such as this to operate.

The Sunday program at the University of Penn for youth in the university area is temporarily abandoned. The use of their facilities was an asset to the youth in the community.

The annual banquet will be held again this June and everyone is invited to attend. The immediate aim of the Youth Canteen is to gain financial security so that total services rendered will be more gratifying to all concerned.

ACOLYTE GUILD - T. WESLEY

There are six active acolytes. Some of them dropped out. The Acolyte Guild did not have a project last year but do plan to have a project for the coming year to help relieve the church of some of its needs. Most of the acolytes are very young and there is not much it can do financially to be impressive, but will do as much as they can to the best of their ability.

At this time the Guild is trying to increase the members and there are a few new members in the area who come to the meetings each Thursday.

CHOIR - MR. REILLY

The choir have rehearsals on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Of the Masses and Evensongs, they have sung approximately five Masses and five Evensongs.

During the coming year, there will be a festival in which the choir boys will participate. The girls will also be allowed to attend.

Last April the choir went to Washington, D.C.

The project for the choir will be the purchasing of a new blackboard for the choir room, as the old blackboard is in poor shape.

FINANCE REPORT - MR. MONTAGUE

The Finance Report is a report of the distribution of the total receipts for 1963, a copy of which has been sent to the Bishop. Also, a copy of the Finance Report is attached to the minutes of this meeting.

After the Finance Report was read by Mr. Montague, there was a question and answer period.

It was requested that a copy of the Finance Report be supplied to everyone because it is so difficult to understand. It was stated by the Senior Warden that if any member of the church was interested, they, or any other group or guild could be provided with a copy of the Finance Report and this would eliminate the problem of providing each individual with a copy of the report.

The question was brought up as to whether we had any expenditures for the Church School and it was stated that we did not have any expenditures set aside for the Church School. Our previous Seminarians had asked and borrowed materials and equipment for the Church School last year. It was suggested that money be set aside for the School since there was no money in the budget for the Church School. A decision will be made on this as soon as possible.

Another question was asked about the large amount of money that was donated to the Summer Program. The answer was that the money was all used. Out of $3200.00 all was used except $600, approx., which was turned over to the church to pay bills (outstanding bills) as is the

FINANCE REPORT (Cont'd)

case with all donated monies, if some of it is left over after the original need has been taken care of. Therefore, whatever money is left over from the Summer Programs will be turned over to the church to pay outstanding bills. It was further stated that we are getting materials and equipment, but not enough (it was also pointed out that no matter how good the materials, it is more important to have good Church School teachers and teachers are hard to get; further, that money is not the solution to some of the problems in St. Andrews and this is also true of the choir).

NOTE: The budget for 1963 was the largest budget that was ever had in this parish for over 25 years.

VESTRY - DR. C. OGBURN

The vestry meet once a month on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. There are nine men in the organization and all were at the meeting with the exception of one who is ill. Each member of the vestry were introduced.

One of the main functions of the vestry is to try and decide what do do with the money that come into the church to cover all expenses of the church. The vestry try to settle each crisis that arises.

The pledges were increased this year; maybe it was because of the method used and the sermon that was delivered at the time of the pledges.

(The minutes of the meeting for last year were not read, but it was made known if anyone desired any information from last year, the minutes would be furnished them. The minutes for this particular meeting will be read at the beginning of the meeting next year)

The floor was opened for discussions after the Senior Warden reported on the vestry and it was suggested that a list of names of eligible persons be published so that everyone could select names for the vestry. It was stated that there is a parish list with the people who are eligible on the list.

In order to be eligible for the vestry, a man will have to be a member of the church in good standing for one year, also he must be over 21 years of age. It was pointed out that it might be embarrassing if a list was published with the eligible persons' name on it and someone's name was omitted. The idea is for the members of the parish to select the names, not have the vestry select them.

It was stated that there is not enough new blood on the vestry and it was pointed out that new blood has not worked out in the past, the new men do not live up to what is expected a person on the vestry. Further, a person should vote for some one because he is conscientious, and not because he is new. It is hoped that a better system can be worked out next year.

VESTRY - Cont'd

The vestry was reduced from 12 men to 9 men because the manpower was not available. The general opinion was that it would be a good idea to have a rotating vestry.

The members of the parish selects the names of the men they would like to have on the vestry and these men are contacted as to whether they would like to serve on the vestry. The voting will be on Easter Sunday after 11:00 A.M. Mass. The Senior Warden will be the judge at the election, with two members of the parish to aid him.

PARISH LIST - THE VICAR

A brief resume of the parish list reveals that we have: 46 families in the church (any two members of a given family make up a family), there are 108 confirmed persons on the list, 171 baptised persons, 118 persons in good standing in the church. We had 35 baptisms last year, mostly as a result of the Summer Program.

SUMMER PROGRAM - THE VICAR

Summer Program Bulletin - will be mailed to the members of the parish and to all who gave to the program last year.

A list of the eligible names for the vestry is printed in the Bulletin.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:30 P.M.

A very interesting color film was shown at the close of the meeting re: Anglican Congress documentary, "Rebirth of a Church". The film lasted one half hour, which was shown by Emily Stanford, Church School Consultant.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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